



Minutes Plumbing & Mechanical Code Advisory Board Work Session Wednesday, October 5, 2005

Minutes of the Plumbing & Mechanical Code Advisory Board Work Session held on October 5, 2005, 2:00 p.m., in the Development Services Conference Room, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present: Ray Bass III, Chairman; Stephen Parady, Vice Chairman; Mario Torregrossa

City Staff Present: Michael Williams, Board Secretary/Deputy Development Services Manager; Roger Vermillion, Building Inspection Superintendent; Sue Buck, Administrative Assistant

City Staff Absent: None

Guests Present: None

Ray Bass called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

Agenda Item I – Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2005

Motion to Approve: Steve Parady

Second: Mario Torregrossa

Decision: Approved Unanimously

Agenda Item II – Continued Review of Proposed Amendments and Board Recommendations for Plumbing, Mechanical & Fuel Gas Codes

Brief discussion ensued regarding duct terminations, with a suggestion by Mario Torregrossa to revise the Proposed Amendments to the 2003 IMC to add the following:

“Section 501.5 Terminations: Where an exhaust system termination point is not specified in this chapter, Section 502.7.3.6 may be used.”

Motion to Accept Revised Amendments: Mario Torregrossa

Second: Steve Parady

Decision: Approved Unanimously

Mike Williams noted that the Proposed Amendments to the 2003 IPC had been revised as per previous direction from the Board. There was an additional revision to change "Public Works Director" to "Water Utilities Manger" as per the current City organizational structure.

Motion to Accept Revised Amendments: Steve Parady

Second: Mario Torregrossa

Decision: Approved Unanimously

Agenda Item III – Other Board Business

Mike Williams discussed the clarification provided by Roger Vermillion for PE pipe. Per IAPMO, a heat fused joint on PE piping is not considered a welded joint.

Roger provided the definition of "peak optical density" to the Board. Basically, it is a method of measuring the density of smoke as it passes across a light beam. Roger also distributed copies of the amendments to the State Plumbing Code to the Board members.

Mike Williams discussed the code adoption process. The next step will be to hold a public hearing with the Board, to allow the opportunity for public comment on the proposed amendments/code adoption. There will also be a separate public hearing scheduled for the Building Code Advisory Board. These hearings will be scheduled for later this month (October). The Proposed Amendments are also already posted on the Development Services website for public review and comment.

After the public hearings occur, the final recommendation from the Boards on the proposed amendments/codes will be taken before City Council in two meetings, tentatively scheduled for November. The anticipated date for the new codes to be in effect is January 2006, with a three month grace period where applicants could use either the existing codes or the new codes.

Motion to Adjourn by: Mario Torregrossa

Second by: Stephen Parady

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Prepared by Sue Buck